

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 were pending. Claims 14-29, 40-47, and 54-57 have been canceled without prejudice in order to reduce the fees for the number of extra claims. Hence, claims 1-13, 30-39, and 48-53 remain pending.

The Specification has been amended to add a cross-reference paragraph claiming priority from, and incorporating by reference, International Application No. PCT/US2005/008979, filed March 18, 2005, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/557,296, filed March 29, 2004.

No new matter was added as a result of the above amendments.

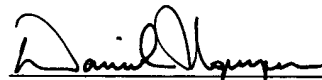
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. If there are any matters that may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated.

It is believed that no fees are due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkins & Gilchrist Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47079-00249USPX.

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